

REMARKS

The Official Action of 21 April 2008 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 has been amended to depend from claim 9 instead of from canceled claim 12, whereby to remove the basis for the objection to this claim appearing at paragraph 12 of the Official Action.

The sole remaining rejections of record are nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections over US Patent Nos. 6,838,490; 6,998,438 and 6,423,760. Applicants submit herewith terminal disclaimers (3) to remove the basis for each of these rejections.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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